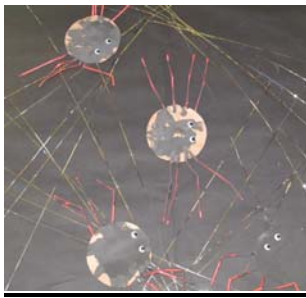




# NEWSLETTER



We have had some lovely sunny days this month and we have been able to adopt a free flow system within the nursery. The children had the choice of inside or outside play and a whole host of activities were set up outside to provide the children with a learning environment that matched that of the inside.

Dear all,

Welcome to our November Newsletter

Firstly a big thank you to those that donated for Jeans for Genes day we raised £45. The children thoroughly enjoyed our day of activities and we had lots of fun cutting up your old jeans.



All gooey and sticky



Creating a lovely denim collage

The Jeans for Gene's day was a great fun day and the children's art work is displayed in the entrance hall. Please do take a look.

We have introduced a Parent's into Play session within the nursery, which has proven very popular. If you would like to spend an hour within your child's room then please do sign up on the calendars on both the pre-school and toddler room doors. It would be wonderful to have you join us.

November the 12<sup>th</sup> is our ladies evening at the Community Hall in Shellingford, it would be great if you could support this event as it's a wonderful thing to bring together our parents but is also supporting a fabulous charity called Special Effect.



Special Effect is a charity dedicated to helping ALL young people with disabilities to enjoy computer games. For these children, the majority of computer games are simply too quick or too difficult to play, and we can help them and their parents to find out which games they CAN play, and how to adapt those games that they can't. Representatives from this charity will be joining us on the evening so you can find out a little more about what they do and what they have achieved so far. Information can be found on [www.specialeffect.org.uk](http://www.specialeffect.org.uk)

Tickets for this evening are now for sale from the nursery and cost £5 please do bring along a friend and help us make this a memorable evening.

Raffle prizes include, tickets for an Oxford Sightseeing Bus Tour, Golf for two, Cotswold Wildlife Park Entrance, Fabulous Bakin Boy Muffins, Yummy Chocolates, Baby and Toddler Hand Cast Kits and Lots more besides. Please bring along your family and friends for a fun informal evening.

Stephanie Chapman  
Nursery Manager

### Pre-School news

Hello, we have been busy creating a show and tell table within the room that shows off all the lovely autumnal things that we find in our gardens. We have some very unusual pumpkins that are all bobbly and bumpy that the children have enjoyed looking at.



We have been playing in the leaves in the garden and looking at how they change colours, this prompted a colour experiment within the classroom. We used different colour paints to mix and predict what colours we could make. We made some beautiful colour charts that are displayed on the walls. We also mixed food colouring into ice cube trays to see what would happen.

We have been practising really hard for our Christmas Play and are learning all the songs, if any of the Mum's and Dad's would like a copy of the music to help along then please do ask us for a copy.



We all sat together to talk about golden rules and how we should all treat each other in the classroom, the children came out with such lovely suggestions that we have printed them up and will have them on a display as a reminder to everyone to be kind, thoughtful and share with everyone.



### Making a Space Rocket in the garden

Jody and Louise

### Toddler news

We would like to welcome Natalie to the team. Natalie has worked in a nursery previously and holds a level two qualification along with first aid and basic signing. Natalie is excited to be working alongside Val and we wish her well in this role. We would also like to welcome Martha into Toddlers, Martha joins us for a day a week and is fitting right in, she loves to listen to a story and we love reading to her.

Welcome to autumn, how lucky we have been with the weather? But it is getting chilly, so please ensure that we have plenty of warm layers for your children so that we can still play outside. (labelled please)



### Enjoying a lovely quiet moment.

We have been doing lots of sticky arts and crafts and have been busy creating a Meg and Mog display. This will be up on the wall for you all to see soon so watch this space.



If any of you have a Meg and Mog story book, could we please borrow it? We will be very careful, promise. If not you can use a Meg spell and turn me into a pumpkin.



The girls having a snooze

Lots of role play and drama has been happening in the garden, and we have had many cups of tea made for us by the toddlers, yummy. They are really all developing in huge steps at the moment and it's wonderful to see them all interacting and playing alongside each other. We are all benefiting hugely from a British Sign Language Tutor called Penny at the moment and all the children are enjoying her visits, this has meant that we are more able to communicate in sign and help others in the group become more integral and included. We all know the farm animals and also the animals in the story of Meg and Mog.



We are also learning our colours too. If you would like to learn these go to the below web link it is an excellent basic resource.

<http://www.britishsignlanguage.com/>

Happy signing

Val and Natalie

## Older Baby news

We would like to welcome Flossy (Florence) to the Older Babies, she is simply gorgeous and we love having her. It's great to also up the girl numbers! Our recent leavers are thoroughly enjoying their time in Toddlers and it's lovely watching them progress through the Nursery.



Messy play in the garden

We have just changed our Birthday board display and would love to have a picture of all the children on it, so if you haven't already could you please send in a colour photo? The board is a big beautiful rain cloud and each of the children forming a rain drop. The children got very blue whilst making it.



We have to say a fond farewell to Evan who joins the Toddlers. She has settled really well and we are delighted that she is enjoying her time so much. We have been busy creating a farm display board and the children have been busy getting messy with all sorts of things, glitter, cotton wool, sand and paint, I'm sure you will agree it looks gorgeous. As you all know by now, well there's no hiding it, Jaime is pregnant, her last day before maternity leave will be the 21<sup>st</sup> December. This coincides with the Christmas play day so we would like to present her with a basket of goodies. If you would like to make a donation please do pass it through the office with a label and we will add it to the collection. Many thanks in anticipation.

Tammie and Jaime

## Baby news

The baby room have also been busy changing display boards over and have created a wonderful night time in the garden in autumn board. Lots of animals such as hedgehogs and owls, Bat's and of course the twinkly stars and the golden moon. It's lovely when

you see all of the little hand prints imprinted in the paint, some not so tiny any more.



Lots of our babies are beginning to walk and we are so excited about that. All the babies are proving to be a very talented bunch, pointing out animals and where they can find their nose, hair and toes.

We are still looking for a few photos for our birthday display board, so please do send one in if you haven't already.

We are still going to use the garden and get outside as much as possible, so please can you ensure that we have appropriate clothing at Nursery. Water proofs, wellies etc, all would be beneficial if you could pack them in a bag, clearly labelled. We will be making the most of the small numbers and going out for walks around the village, we may ask you to sign a permission slip in the morning so that you know when and where we will be going.

Hope to see you all at the Ladies Evening, don't forget to buy your ticket and bring your friends.

Tina and Chloe

### **Speed limit**

We have received a complaint from a local villager about speeding, no names but if you drive an Audi estate, please slow down.

The speed limit through the village is sign posted as 30 mph. But it is 10 mph as you approach the nursery and the school.



### **Reminders**

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - Ladies night at the community hall.  
£5.00 a ticket towards a local charity

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**



**21<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas play and children's parties



### **Clothes**

If you have them please can you send your child to nursery with an all in one wet suit or a rain coat, wellington boots and spare clothes, including socks, we have very few spare pairs.

Thank you.

See you all at Ladies Night, looks set to be a good evening, Stalls include hand made Christmas tree decorations, Make up, home cooking products, beauty therapy, flowers, Jewellery, Usborne books and toys and plenty more.

Great raffle prizes to be won too.

Steph and Team